

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 98

RESOLUTION CHAPTER 103

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 98—Relative to the U.S. Submarine Veterans WWII Memorial Highway.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 98, Baugh. U.S. Submarine Veterans of WWII Memorial Highway.

This measure would designate a specified portion of State Highway Route 1 between Long Beach and Huntington Beach as the U.S. Submarine Veterans of WWII Memorial Highway.

The measure would request the Department of Transportation to determine the cost of erecting appropriate signs or markers showing that special designation, and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources covering that cost, to erect those signs or markers.

WHEREAS, The U.S. Submarine Veterans WWII National Memorial West is located at the Seal Beach Naval Weapons Station and honors the 52 boats and over 3,500 sailors lost on World War II submarines and the two submarines lost in the Cold War, the Thresher and the Scorpion; and

WHEREAS, This memorial was conceived, designed, built, and is maintained by the L.A. Area Chapter of the U.S. Submarine Veterans WWII, an organization that continues to serve its community by doing volunteer work at the Long Beach Veterans Hospital and for families of service members at the Seal Beach Naval Weapons Station, and by participating in parades honoring our veterans and our country; and

WHEREAS, From December 7, 1941, to August 14, 1945, the U.S. Submarine Service comprised about 2 percent of naval personnel but accounted for 55 percent of the Pacific Theater's enemy losses, and rescued hundreds of downed allied flyers, including former President George Bush; and

WHEREAS, Seven of these courageous submariners earned our nation's highest military decoration, the Medal of Honor, two of which were awarded posthumously after the recipient paid the ultimate price for freedom; and

WHEREAS, The year 2000 marks the centennial anniversary of the commissioning of submarines in the U.S. Navy; and

WHEREAS, Veterans of World War II are passing away at a rate of 10 percent per year, and it would be appropriate to publicly honor

their significant accomplishments and sacrifices while some survivors are still with us; and

WHEREAS, This public display memorializing the achievements of veterans of submarine service will remind future generations of the sacrifices that their grandparents and great grandparents made during World War II and stand as an eternal symbol that the State of California honors and remembers its veterans; and

WHEREAS, It is fitting and proper that the portion of State Highway Route 1 from the intersection of Golden West Street in Huntington Beach to the intersection of Westminster Avenue in Long Beach be designated the U.S. Submarine Veterans of WWII Memorial Highway; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate concurring, That the Legislature hereby designates that portion of State Highway Route 1 from the intersection of Golden West Street in Huntington Beach to the Orange County boundary as the U.S. Submarine Veterans of WWII Memorial Highway; and be it further

Resolved, That the Department of Transportation is requested to determine the cost of erecting appropriate signs or markers, consistent with signing requirements for the state highway system, showing that special designation, and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources covering that cost, to erect those signs or markers; and be it further

Resolved, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies of this resolution to the Department of Transportation and to the author for appropriate distribution.

